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In re Application of: Lam, et al. Examiner: B. Lanier Serial No.: 09/692,084 Art Unit: 2132 Filed: October 19, 2000

For: MULTIMEDIA ADAPTIVE SCRAMBLING SYSTEM (MASS)

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 11, 2003.

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-12, 14-16, and 18-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Katta (US 5,706,346).

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections in view of the following comments.